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In re Application of:

BAO et al.

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AMENDMENT AND RESPONSE TO OFFICE ACTION

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Sir:

Responsive to the Office Action mailed on October 13, 2006, please amend the application as set forth below and consider the remarks that follow.

The Listing of Claims begins on page 2 of this Amendment.

Remarks begin on page 5 of this Amendment.